

REMARKS

Claims 12-34 are currently pending in the present application. Claim 35 has been cancelled by the present amendment.

Applicants wish to extend their appreciation to Examiner Patel for the indication on pages 2 and 3 of the Official Action that claims 12-34 contain allowable subject matter.

The rejection of now cancelled claim 35 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated over Chung (U.S. Patent 6,231,989) is obviated by amendment with respect to the cancellation of said claim.


Applicants make no statement with respect to the propriety of the outstanding rejection. However, merely for the sake of expedient prosecution, Applicants have cancelled claim 35. Accordingly, the cancellation of said claim is not to be construed as an acquiescence as to the merits of the outstanding rejection. Applicants respectfully wish to preserve their right to present cancelled subject matter in a continuation application without prejudice.

Withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

In conclusion, Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance and notification to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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